

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 37. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Good	Below Average
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	67.5	75.4	80.8	66.2	70.3	73.5
• Passed 2 subtests	21.1	17.8	10.0	17.8	16.2	15.1
• Passed 1 subtest	9.6	5.1	6.2	10.0	8.9	7.5
• Passed no subtests	1.8	1.7	3.1	5.9	4.6	3.9

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	20.5%	22.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	20.5%	24.1%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	48.2%	54.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	93.3%	20.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	85.7%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.4%	22.1%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	95.9%	17.1%	
Female	90.9%	22.9%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	83.3%	20.0%	
Hispanic	50.0%	N/A	
White	94.8%	20.8%	
Other	N/A	0.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	87.5%	7.1%	
Pay for lunch	94.3%	23.2%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	64.9%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	51.6%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,911	N/A	\$5,662	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.8%	90.3%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	24.4 to 1	N/A	26.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=562)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	42.1%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.2%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.9%	Up from 5.0%	9.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=46)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 6.4	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 97.4%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 52.3%	53.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	84.8%	Down from 88.6%	83.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	13.0%	Up from 9.1%	3.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.1%	Down from 90.5%	86.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,888	Up 4.5%	\$38,985	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	7.1%	Up from 3.5%	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	55.8%	N/A	55.7%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	5.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	60.1%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	12.5%	Up from 12.1%	9.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	11	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	3.8%	Down from 4.1%	9.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	18.4%	Up from 13.1%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	1.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	290	N/A	397	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	70.1%	N/A	23.7%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Founded in 1897, Liberty High School is a 9-12 school serving a diverse population of 565 students. We provide a safe, clean, and caring environment that nurtures teamwork, respect, and learning.

Liberty High offers tech prep, college prep, honors, and advanced placement courses. Our goal is to design our educational program to best meet the needs of our diverse school population.

Our accomplishments for the 2000-01 school year are:

- Continued accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Continued flexibility through deregulation
- Continued job shadowing experiences for juniors
- Completed 18 service learning projects in Civic Responsibility classes
- Provided trainable, orthopedic and profound programs for students in the school district
- Recognized with National Board certification - Jane Fleming in Science Dept.
- Received Distance-Learning grant
- Developed Freshman Academy to help reduce school drop-out rate
- Increased BSAP scores over 4 percent during the past 4 years
- Represented in national science fair
- Represented in Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities
- Utilized excellent Resource Officer to serve as added security and role model for students

Liberty's accomplishments are further enhanced by the fact that 63 percent of our faculty members have Masters Degrees or higher education. Liberty High School faculty and staff remain dedicated to preparing all students to become adaptive and productive citizens through emphasis on academic excellence, career preparation, and lifelong learning.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	80.0	65.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0	77.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	41.0	80.5	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Liberty High  
319 Summit Drive  
Liberty, SC 29657

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 562 Students

### Principal

Mr. Randy Gilstrap 864-850-3530

### Superintendent

Dr. Mendel Stewart 864-855-8150

### Board Chair

Mr. Ernie Fortner 864-859-2336

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Good



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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